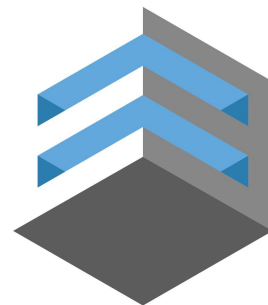


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Session 1: Word List

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

tabloid

adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

synonym : gossipy, sensationalistic, scandalous

(1) **tabloid** journalism, (2) political **tabloid**

The **tabloid** newspaper always covers sensational stories.

bloc

n. a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together

synonym : group, alliance, coalition

(1) **bloc** countries, (2) a **bloc** of developing nations

The country decided to join the economic **bloc** to benefit from the trade agreements.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

inexperienced

adj. lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity

synonym : novice, green, unseasoned

(1) **inexperienced** actor, (2) **inexperienced** employee

The young doctor was **inexperienced** in handling such a complicated case.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

rundown

n. a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay

synonym : summation, summary, synopsis

(1) a **rundown** of local events, (2) **rundown** building
The boss gave us a quick **rundown** of the new project during the meeting.

teamwork

n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

synonym: collaboration, cooperation, coordination

(1) poor **teamwork**, (2) **teamwork** in business

Harmonious **teamwork** is essential to the success of this project.

egotist

n. a person who is excessively self-centered or self-important, often boasting about their achievements, talents, or qualities

synonym: narcissist, self-centered person

(1) arrogant **egotist**, (2) narcissistic **egotist**

She disliked attending parties where she had to endure lengthy conversations with a notorious **egotist** in the group.

infographic

n. a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way

(1) **infographic** design, (2) **infographic** presentation

The company shared an impressive **infographic** about its annual profits.

stagnation

n. the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement

synonym: inactivity, idleness, sluggishness

(1) economic **stagnation**, (2) population **stagnation**

The company's lack of innovation has led to **stagnation** and declining profits.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. b__c countries
n. a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together
2. political ta____d
adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
3. arrogant eg____t
n. a person who is excessively self-centered or self-important, often boasting about their achievements, talents, or qualities
4. sma_____ne app developer
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
5. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
6. economic sta_____on
n. the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement
7. cr___y atmosphere
adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

ANSWERS: 1. bloc, 2. tabloid, 3. egotist, 4. smartphone, 5. industrious, 6. stagnation, 7. creepy

8. ru____n building *n.* a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay
9. a ru____n of local events *n.* a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay
10. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
11. inf____ic design *n.* a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way
12. narcissistic eg____t *n.* a person who is excessively self-centered or self-important, often boasting about their achievements, talents, or qualities
13. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
14. ine____ced employee *adj.* lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity

ANSWERS: 8. rundown, 9. rundown, 10. aft, 11. infographic, 12. egotist, 13. bury, 14. inexperienced

15. ta____d journalism *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
16. population sta_____on *n.* the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement
17. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
18. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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20. te_____rk in business *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
21. feel cr____y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
22. poor te_____rk *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

ANSWERS: 15. tabloid, 16. stagnation, 17. smartphone, 18. industrious, 19. aft, 20. teamwork, 21. creepy, 22. teamwork

23. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
24. a b__c of developing nations *n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together
25. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
26. inf_____ic presentation *n.* a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way
27. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
28. ine_____ced actor *adj.* lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity

ANSWERS: 23. improvisation, 24. bloc, 25. bury, 26. infographic, 27. improvisation, 28. inexperienced

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The country decided to join the economic _____ to benefit from the trade agreements.
 - n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together

2. The _____ newspaper always covers sensational stories.
 - adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

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4. The young doctor was _____ in handling such a complicated case.
 - adj.* lacking experience or knowledge in a particular field or situation; not accustomed to a specific kind of work or activity

5. The company's lack of innovation has led to _____ and declining profits.
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6. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
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ANSWERS: 1. bloc, 2. tabloid, 3. rundown, 4. inexperienced, 5. stagnation, 6. aft

7. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
8. Harmonious _____ is essential to the success of this project.
- n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
9. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.
- adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
10. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
11. The company shared an impressive _____ about its annual profits.
- n.* a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way
12. She disliked attending parties where she had to endure lengthy conversations with a notorious _____ in the group.
- n.* a person who is excessively self-centered or self-important, often boasting about their achievements, talents, or qualities
13. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
14. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 7. improvisation, 8. teamwork, 9. creepy, 10. bury, 11. infographic, 12. egotist, 13. smartphones, 14. industrious

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